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IT CONDUCTS A WORLD-WIDE BUSINESS, AND DEPENDS UPON NO PARTICULAR LOCALITY FOR RESULTS. IN CASE OF CONFLAGRATION IT THROWS ITS RESOURCES TO THE SCENE OF DISASTER.

THE LARGE RESOURCES OF ITS UNITED STATES BRANCH CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ITS GENERAL FUNDS, AND, IF NEED BE, BY THE CONTRIBUTION OF ITS SHAREHOLDERS, WHOSE LIABILITY IS UNLIMITED. IN THE GREAT CONFLAGRATIONS OF 1871 AND 1872 AT CHICAGO AND BOSTON THE NEEDFUL MONIES, I. E., \$4,666,730, WERE SUPPLIED BY THE HOME OFFICE, AND THE UNITED STATES FUNDS WERE CONCURRENTLY STRENGTHENED.

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"OCTOBER 16, 1871."

SECOND CABLE: "DRAW FOR LOSS AT BOSTON AS REQUIRED."

"NOVEMBER 11, 1872."

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THE COMPANY HAS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES FURNISHED HOSTAGES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS CONTRACTS IN THE ERECTION OF OFFICE BUILDINGS. THE VALUE OF SUCH, IN THE AGGREGATE, IS \$1,865,000, BEING LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE HOME OFFICE HAS BEEN A LIBERAL INVESTOR IN SECURITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND POSSESSES BONDS AND STOCKS IN THIS COUNTRY WORTH SEVEN AND A HALF MILLION OF DOLLARS, ALTOGETHER APART FROM ITS UNITED STATES BRANCH ASSETS. THE STRENGTH, FAIRNESS AND PROMPTITUDE IN DEALING WITH ALL CLAIMANTS, AFFORD GROUND FOR THE HOPE THAT DURING THE COMPANY'S WORK OF FIFTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES IT HAS SECURED A PLACE IN THE REGARD OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME IT MAY ENJOY THEIR RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE.

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ERMINE FOR ONE MONTH

Two Bright Lawyers Elevated to Judgeships for Very Brief Term.

MARRIAGES ARE VALIDATED

House Passes Bill Legalizing All Weddings Performed Since December 12th.

The General Assembly yesterday bestowed on two attorneys the title of judge, which they may wear for one month. Mr. H. L. Newbill was elected judge of the County Court of Essex county, and Mr. John Y. Harris was chosen judge of the County Court of Dinwiddie county. Both gentlemen received all the votes cast. The two judges will serve only until February 1st, when the County Courts cease by constitutional limitation. There being twenty-eight senators and about fifty-five delegates in their seats, the Senate passed a Senate bill to extend the terms of the County Courts until January 30, 1904.

The House passed the Senate bill to validate the acts of County Court clerks in issuing marriage licenses since December 12, 1903, or to validate the marriages performed by authority of such licenses.

The bills in relation to the rights and duties of retiring treasurers were discussed, but finally passed by until to-day. The Hunter McGuire Memorial Association was tendered the use of the hall of the House of Delegates to-morrow afternoon for the unveiling of the monument.

The House was called to order at noon by Speaker Ryan.

The following bills were offered and referred:

By Mr. Lassiter: To amend the law in relation to the conduct of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute so as to conform it to the Constitution.

By Mr. Cardwell: To amend the law in relation to the improvement of the property of infants by guardians.

There was no roll call, but about fifty members were in their seats.

The body proceeded to the election of judges for the County Courts of Dinwiddie and Essex and Messrs. John Y. Harris and H. L. Newbill were chosen to the respective positions to serve until February 1st.

simply to make it plain that retiring county treasurers shall have one year in which to collect uncollected claims in their hands, and that when leaving office the retiring treasurer shall turn over to his successor all books, papers, tax tickets, etc., belonging to the office. Messrs. Boaz and Cardwell discussed the bills briefly with the view of having no doubt in the operations of the law.

Mr. Boaz had expressed some doubt as to whether the bills, if passed, would apply to cases which had already arisen, and Mr. Cardwell thought they might as well go over until the next session. The bills finally went by for the day, on motion of Mr. Gravelley, of Henry.

House bill 885 relating to the tax on State banks, came up, together with the Governor's veto of the same, and the latter was almost unanimously sustained on motion of Mr. Cardwell, of Hanover.

Under suspension of the rules, the House passed Mr. Lassiter's bill permitting the deposit of the funds of the Colored Normal School in Petersburg banks and the same action was taken with reference to one offered by Mr. Cummings, amending the road law of Elizabeth City county.

The House, at 1:45 P. M., adjourned.

The Senate.

When Lieutenant-Governor Willard called the Senate to order yesterday twenty-eight members were in their seats.

The greater part of the forty-five-minute session was consumed in discussion of the bill of Senator Anderson in relation to the salary of the sheriff of the city of Richmond. Mr. Anderson explained at some length the necessity for the proposed change, and the measure was passed.

After some further discussion, the bill was on Senator Keese's motion, sent back to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

Mr. Coghill called up his bill to extend the sessions of the County Courts of the Commonwealth at the January term, this year. The bill was taken up, passed, and now goes to the House.

A slight modification in the West was expected to extend its beneficial effects over the entire country. The weather Bureau predicts continued clear weather, but holds out the hope that it will not be so cold to-day.

The December just gone was 3 degrees colder than any month during the past five years. The coldest record was 10 degrees on December 27th; the highest, 18, on December 18th. Rain and snow for the month amounted to 3.2, a deficiency of 1.02 compared with the average for the preceding six years. The average temperatures reported are as follows: 1893, 41; 1899, 40; 1900, 40; 1901, 39; 1902, 40; 1903, 38.

GREAT SUFFERING.

The excessive cold has caused great suffering among the poor. Pitiful cries for help are heard at every hand, and there is too frequently no answering voice.

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COLD SEVERE; MANY SUFFER

Cries From the Hungering and Shivering Poor Heard on Every Hand.

COUNTRY WRAPPED IN ICE

Mercury Far Down in Tube in Every Section—Appeal From Citizens' Association.

Promises, however slight, of a moderation of the extreme weather prevailing in this section, will awaken an echo of thankfulness in the hearts of many suffering people of Richmond.

During yesterday the unprecedented cold continued, not only here, but throughout the country. In Richmond at 3 A. M. the thermometer registered 14 degrees, one point lower than the minimum of Monday.

The temperatures throughout the South ranged from 14 to 30 degrees. Intense cold was reported from the North, but clear weather prevailed generally, except at Pittsburgh, where snow was falling.

At 8 A. M. the temperature at Chicago was 15 degrees; at St. Louis it was at New Orleans, 32. A slight moderation in the West was expected to extend its beneficial effects over the entire country.

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The Citizens' Relief Association is doing all that lies in its power. But it is but little that it can do to cope with the situation. Fifty-eight cents is a small sum for the support of a family for a month, but this actually represents the last of the association's funds.

At the present time there are between 20 and 30 families on the list of the City Mission district. Some districts are very large, having over fifty families in them. The smallest number in any district is about six; most of them average from twenty to thirty. Annex is given

out each week and is divided as far as possible, according to the number of applicants in the district.

APPEAL ISSUED.

An appeal for help has just been issued by Henry Lee Valentine, a prominent member of the association. Mr. Valentine says:

"The last few days of most extreme weather have caused the treasury of the Citizens' Relief Association to become almost empty. We can and will relieve all who are in need. If the good people of this city will assist us, please do not give to beggars on the street. We know all the deserving poor and needy, and assist them according to our means."

HENRY LEE VALENTINE, P. O. Box No. 37.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

Unusually High Prices Prevail. Supply Very Scanty.

Prices on the produce market continue abnormally high, despite the fact that the holiday trade is practically over. The expected decline in several lines of the trade has not come, and some of the figures leave one advanced somewhat.

The supply is very scanty, wherefore the prevailing tone of the market. The high prices have forced the people, as a rule, to buy less, and hence the demand has fallen off very considerably. It was stated yesterday that the small supply was about equal to the small demand.

Prices are still soaring, and are gradually forging higher. They are selling at wholesale rates as follows: Nearby, 20 cents per bushel; other sections, 30 cents; barrels and boxes, 25 to 30 cents.

Dressed poultry is bringing the following prices: Turkeys, drawn, 15 to 21 cents per pound; undrawn, 18 to 20 cents; chickens, drawn, 11 to 16 cents; undrawn, 12 to 14 cents; ducks, drawn, 17 to 20 cents; geese, drawn, 12 to 14 cents.

Live poultry is as follows: Turkeys, 15 to 16 cents; hens, 12 to 15 cents; chickens, 11 to 15 cents; ducks, 12 to 14 cents; geese, 12 to 14 cents.

Small dressed hogs are selling at 7 to 7 1/2 cents; large, 6 1/2 to 7 cents. Veals, fat, are 10 to 7 cents; thin, 8 to 6 1/2 cents.

Officers Were Installed.

The Bakers' Union installed the following officers last night: President, H. B. Atkinson; Vice-President, William Beck; Recording Secretary, N. Schloss; Financial Secretary, Gus Runge; Treasurer, H. Metzger; Delegate to the trade and labor council, H. B. Atkinson, N. Schloss and H. B. Atkinson.

Judgment Motions.

Motions for judgment were filed in the Law and Equity Court yesterday in the appended cases:

Charles D. Davis, vs. W. S. Smith, \$25.00; Merchants Bank vs. E. W. Brown, \$72.40; A. Grant vs. G. J. Davidson, \$101.

About Good Seeds.

The successful planter owes his success mainly to sowing good, fresh seed. He knows the value of buying the home-grown product direct from the reliable grower.

GAS-HOLDER CRUMBLING

Old Tank Liable to Go to Pieces at Any Time, Entailing Great Inconvenience.

ANOTHER IS SADLY NEEDED

Councilman Garber Sounds Note of Warning—Appropriation Asked Annually.

"There are a number of things needed at the city gas works to make that plant an up-to-date affair," said one of the high officials in that department last night.

"The demand is greater than the supply, and if anything should happen to the old holder at the lower gas works, the city would be seriously inconvenienced."

The warning note was sounded Monday night, when a member of the Council said the "lower holder" was liable to give way at any time.

The old tank, or holder, has been in use many years, and is worn and patched, and it would require very little to put it out of commission. All the gas that is now used by the city must pass through this old hulk. There is no duplicate machinery at the works, and the present capacity is only 700,000 cubic feet.

"What is most needed at the lower works," said the official referred to, "is a by-pass, which means a pipe around the old holder, so that gas may be sent to the tanks at the upper works without having to pass through that old holder."

Another Badly Needed.

For a number of years the Light Department has asked the City Council for appropriation of \$70,000 for a new holder in the West End. And as often has the request been refused.

"The gas plant is valued at \$1,000,000," said the official, "and it has paid for itself several times over. Last year, after all expenses and interest had been paid, there was about \$70,000 left over to the credit of the department."

The holder that the department asks for in the West End will contain 2,000,000 cubic feet, almost three times as much as the other three holders together. It is designed to be used as a reserve supply.

The need of such a reserve was felt two years ago, when the James River overflow caused a shut-down at the works, as it had upon several previous occasions.

The City Council will hold this matter up," said a prominent citizen last night, "until something does happen to inconvenience business and citizens, and then they will act upon an important question, as they should have done long ago."

When Mr. Garber said the old tank was liable to collapse at any time," said the city official, "he was pretty near right."

When a member of the Finance Committee was seen in reference to the question, he said that the appropriation was now before that committee, and he could not anticipate possible action.

It seems certain that some action will be taken.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

Services Being Held This Week by Several Denominations.

The week of prayer is being observed by nearly all the denominations in the city.

A special programme has been arranged for the Presbyterians. Sunday night Dr. T. McFadden preached in the Grace Street Church. Services were held Monday night in the Church of the Covenant, and on Tuesday night Dr. Russell Cecil preached at the First Church. The services for the remainder of the week are as follows:

Wednesday, Second Church; Thursday, Hope Memorial; and Friday, Third Church.

The Baptists union services are being held. There are daily noon meetings at the Second Church for prayer, and on Wednesday evening general meetings of the different sections of the city at Grace Street, Leigh Street and Bainbridge Street, Manchester.

Proceedings in THE SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday opened its regular midwinter term. The judges were present, and following were the proceedings:

Nottingham Coal and Coke Company vs. Commonwealth, passed to March term. Commonwealth vs. Indiana F. Williams, securities argued by Otto L. Evans for plaintiff in error and F. W. Harper for defendant in error, and continued.

Next cases to be called are: Nottingham Coal and Coke Company vs. Press. Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company vs. Crane's Nest Coal and Coke Company.

Forsinger's administrator vs. Allegheny County, argued by Messrs. 1, 2 and 3 on the privileged docket.

Proceedings of the bench and bar of the city of Richmond relating to the death of Judge Edmund Christian Minor were this day presented to the court by Mr. Frank K. Minor and ordered to be spread upon the records.

LOSS AND INSURANCE.

Statement of Companies Incorporated in the Danville Fire.

The full list of companies carrying insurance on the stock or building of Traveler, Spencer and Company, tobaccoists of Danville, whose plant was destroyed by fire on Monday, is as follows:

Insurance Company of North America, \$2,000; the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, \$2,000; Milwaukee Mechanics, \$1,500; the Baltimore of London, \$1,500; the City of Richmond, \$1,500; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Continental, \$500; Western, \$500; German American, \$250; Fireman's Fund, \$250; Northern, \$250; Citizens, \$2,000; German Alliance, \$1,000; Virginia State, \$1,000; Georgia, \$1,000; \$2,000; Royal, \$2,000; North British, \$2,000; Phoenix of London, \$2,000. Total, \$19,000. The loss is estimated at \$19,000, making a net loss of \$19,000.

THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Justice John Asks a "Puzzler." Several Interesting Cases in Police Court.

"What's the difference between six? Nobody answered, and then Justice asked Justice John."

Nobody answered, and then the Justice said that half a dozen dozen was just the number of drunks that had been up before him in the past month.

"And here are six more," he said, as he fined them each \$1.

Frank Venable and Bernard Leischer were charged with being vagrants. Venable was put under bonds for four months, and Leischer got twelve on the same terms.

Everett Kaup was charged with taking a calf belonging to P. Anderson. The case went over one day.

Charles Primus went down for four months for taking a lot of stuff belonging to D. and E. Mittelendorf.

J. J. Shotwell was put under bonds for ninety days for being drunk and disorderly at the Bijou Theatre.

Ben Harris paid \$2.50 for attempting to assault Broadus Miller.

A Christmas Cantata.

The Sunday school of St. John's Evangelical Church will give a Christmas cantata and concert at the church on to-morrow night. The affair promises to be a most enjoyable one. It will be under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Yeaman and Miss Allen.

Robbed the Soda Fountain.

"I never have denuded the refreshment stand at Chimborazo Park of all its lead pipe and soda fountain accessories. There is no clue to the thief, but the police are on the lookout."

MISS ROSA McMAHAN, OF BUTTE.

How After Two Years She Found a Remedy for Dandruff.

Miss Rosa McMahon, of No. 311 West